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- COMMUNIST CHINA -

[Following is the translation of an article by Ch'eng Wen, in Nei-meng-ku Jih-pao (Inner Mongolia Daily), Hu-ho-hao-t'e, 23 June 1960.]

In an interview with visitors from Iraq in May, Chairman Mao Tse-tung said, "The age of imperialism cannot last very long. The imperialists have done all the bad things. All the oppressed people throughout the world surely could not forgive them." Current developments in world affairs are continuously vindicating this wise conclusion by Chairman Mao.

Imperialism is monopolistic capitalism and relies on the sweat and blood of the broad mass of the people to fatten itself. The imperialistic system itself embodies deep contradictions which it can never get rid of. These are contradictions between the monopolistic capitalist class and the laboring people in its own country, the contradictions between the capitalist countries and the colonies and semi-colonies, and the contradictions among the various capitalist countries. Only in the death of imperialism and the replacement of imperialism and socialism lies the solution of these contradictions. This is an irresistible objective rule.

With the continuous emergence of economic crises in their own countries and the daily strengthening of the socialist camp and the upheaval of the movements of national independence throughout the world, the various contradictions of imperialism have developed to a degree of unprecedented acuteness. Imperialism is attempting to solve these contradictions by means of arms expansion and war preparations. This is especially the case with American imperialism. It entertains the wild ambition of world domination and is playing the role of the police of the world. It dreams of establishing rule over the whole world and of exploiting and enslaving the whole world in order to get rid of the fatal economic crises, escape the fate of death and to maintain

the monopolistic capitalist system which is rotten to the core.

But things are developing in a direction opposite to the subjective wishes of imperialism. Wherever imperialist aggression, oppression and plunder exist, so exist the resistance and struggle of the people. This is also an irresistible rule. The intensified exploitation of their own laboring people by the American monopolistic bourgeois class has aroused the resistance of the people of their own country. American imperialism is actively passing on the economic crises to the various capitalist countries and is fanatically plundering the colonies and semi-colonies. This has aroused the resistance of the broad mass of the people of the capitalist countries, the colonies and semi-colonies.

American imperialism has enlarged its aggression everywhere, set up hundreds of military bases throughout the world, stretched its snake's head to Taiwan, territory of our country, to various Asian countries, various Latin-American countries and various African countries. This has aroused the indignation and resistance of the Chinese people, the peoples of Asian countries, and the broad mass of the peoples of Latin-American and African countries. Thus, American imperialism is situated in a position of opposition to the peoples of the entire world, has further enlarged and deepened its contradictions with the peoples of the whole world, and has American imperialism bogged down in an encirclement by the peoples of the whole world and a position of utmost isolation.

Siding with American imperialism are a handful of reactionaries, while opposing it are the broad mass of the peoples of the entire world and all the peace-loving countries. The class character of aggression of American imperialism creates grave-diggers for itself and accelerates the process of its own downfall.

Chairman Mao has pointed out that the tendency of the current world situation is that "the enemy's position is worsening every day, while ours is improving every day," and that the "east wind is prevailing over the west wind" and will continue to prevail over the west wind. The east wind is the wind of the peoples of the world and the west wind is the wind of American imperialism. Under conditions of the prevalence of east wind over west wind and the superiority of the strength of socialism and the peoples of the world over the strength of aggression of American imperialism, imperialism is confronted with the cropping up of internal contradictions and difficulties and it finds the going more difficult every day.

In an attempt to paralyze the peoples of the world and reduce opposition to the policy of aggression and plundering, which it is continuing to pursue, American imperialism has recently adopted still foxier and trickier tactics. That is, it is playing the double-faced games of "bogus conciliation and genuine war preparations; and bogus peace and genuine aggression". Lack of accord between word and action has always been the incorrigible fatal weakness of American imperialism and all reactionary cliques. The criminal activities of genuine war preparations and genuine aggression cannot but penetrate its cloak of bogus peace and expose its wolf's tail and cannibal's fangs.

In this respect, Eisenhower, boss of American imperialism, has been a teacher who achieves results contrary to his wishes. Suppression by force by American imperialism against nationalist revolution and socialist revolution has served to mobilize the broad mass of people to resist imperialism; the chicanery employed by American imperialism has enhanced the awareness of the masses and helped the people to better understand the character of imperialist aggression. The indignation of the broad mass of the peoples of the world has been aroused and the peoples of the whole world have been urged to unite themselves closer together in order to further strengthen the struggle against American imperialism.

Too much ambition and insufficient strength is a fatal weakness of American imperialism. The capital American imperialism holds to scare the peoples of the world is nuclear weapons. However, even as early as the first emergence of the atom bomb when it was monopolized by American imperialism, Chairman Mao pointed out, "It is the people who decide the outcome of war, and not one or two new weapons."

Furthermore, the atomic blackmail of American imperialism has gone completely bankrupt. The Soviet Union has long since possessed nuclear weapons. In some of the most important fields of military science and technology, such as the area of missiles, it has far out-stripped America. This is something which many in the American ruling group must admit. This shows that American imperialism not only stands in unprecedented isolation politically, but it is in an inferior position even militarily. It commits aggression everywhere, and so it finds front-lines everywhere; everywhere it is far away from its rear in America; everywhere it is attacked from both the front and the rear; and everywhere it has been put on the defensive.

American imperialism is desperately setting up military bases in various places of the world, and every military

base is a hangman's rope around its neck, further bogging it down till it cannot extricate itself. The more it makes its dying struggles, the tighter the ropes get and the sooner will the dying day of American imperialism arrive.

American imperialism has inherited the legacy from all the reactionaries in history. It commits aggression everywhere, suppresses revolutions, assumes the role of the police of the world, supports and fosters the big and small reactionary cliques of the whole world, has become the center of all reactionary forces and has become the most ferocious common enemy of the peoples of the whole world. Aggression of American imperialism has its deep-rooted class and social origins and will not change till its dying day. The various insurmountable internal contradictions of the imperialist system make it adopt the policies of war preparations and aggression. It is truly outrageous in its behavior and commits all the crimes.

However, by so doing, it can only intensify its various internal contradictions, because there is no wonder drug which can cure the incurable disease of American imperialism. The rules of history have assigned a tragic role for American imperialism, and preordained that it should vigorously create diggers of its own grave. As Chairman Mao pointed out: "Crises are like a volcano which is daily threatening American imperialism, and American imperialism is sitting on top of the volcano."